

# *2006 Recycle Guys Awards*

# *Call for Entries*



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*Honoring South Carolina's  
Top Recycling Programs, Projects & People*

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# *The Recycle Guys Awards Program*

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The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling (Office) is pleased to call for nominations for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Recycle Guys Awards Program.

Each year the Office honors the top recycling programs, projects and people in South Carolina for outstanding achievement in a variety of categories. The 2006 award

winners will be recognized at a luncheon on March 6, 2007 in Columbia at Seawell's Restaurant (across from the main entrance to the State Fairgrounds).

Please join our efforts to recognize innovative and successful solid waste management programs, projects and people. You can't win if you don't enter!

## *Entry Guidelines, Deadline & Judging*

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Individual programs, projects and people are encouraged to nominate themselves – no one knows what you do better than you.

**The entries are to reflect activities from fiscal year (FY) 2006 (July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006).** Entries must consist of a completed Data Sheet (see page 4) and either responses to the Award Criteria listed on page 4 (limited to one page, front and back) or an essay (see page 3).

Electronic entries are preferred. If entering electronically, please submit the Data Sheet and responses to the Award Criteria or essay as a Microsoft Word, portable document file (PDF) or text file. Send electronic entries to [thompssr@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:thompssr@dhec.sc.gov). If mailing an entry, send three

copies to S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling, ATTN: Sharon Thompson, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Supporting publications, photographs (digital preferred), video tapes, CD-ROMs and media coverage are welcome, but not required.

**Entries MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED by 5 p.m. on January 19, 2007.**

Entries will be judged by a panel of Office staff and recycling professionals. The Office reserves the right not to present an award in any category.

## *Recycle Guys Award Categories*

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*For each of the awards below, please submit a completed Data Sheet and address the Award Criteria on page 4.*

### ***Recycling Professional of the Year – Jack Hirst Award***

This award is given to a recycling professional who has made a significant contribution in waste reduction and recycling during FY 2006. *Recycling professionals from local governments, state agencies and colleges/universities are eligible.*

### ***Outstanding Local Government Used Oil Recycling Program***

These awards are given to the outstanding local government (county or municipal) used oil recycling programs of the past FY.

### ***Outstanding County Waste Reduction/Recycling Program***

These awards are given to the outstanding county waste reduction and/or recycling programs of the past FY. *Awards will be given to a small (population 49,999 or less), medium (population 50,000 to 149,999) and large county (population 150,000 or more).*

### ***Outstanding Municipal Waste Reduction/Recycling Program***

These awards are given to the outstanding municipal waste reduction and/or recycling programs of the past FY. *Awards will be given to a small (population 19,999 or less) and large municipality (population 20,000 or more).*

## *Recycle Guys Award Categories (continued)*

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### ***Outstanding State Agency***

#### ***Waste Reduction/Recycling Program***

This award is given to the outstanding state agency waste reduction and/or recycling program of the past FY.

### ***Outstanding College or University***

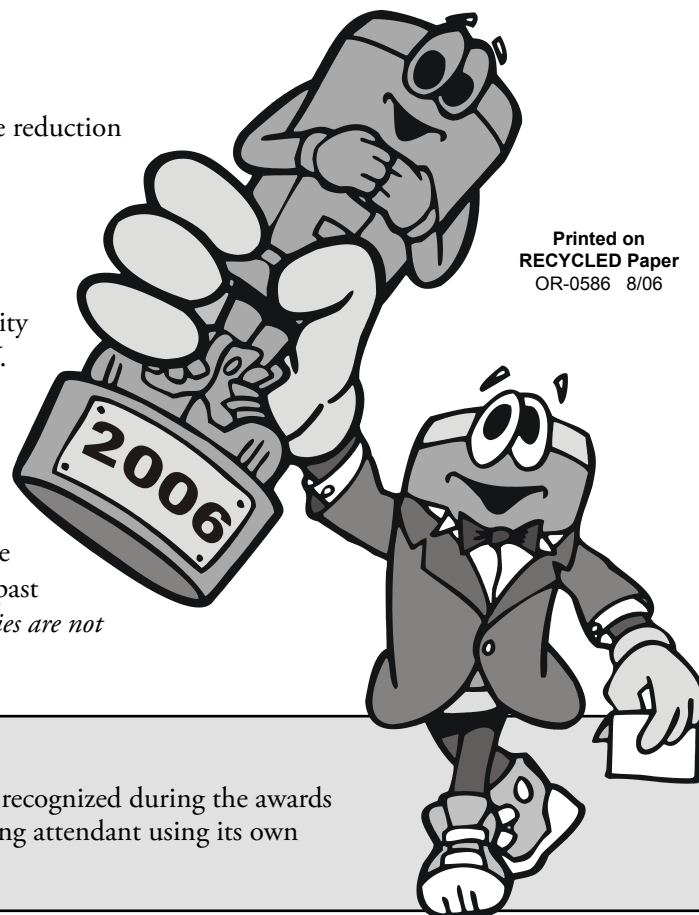
#### ***Waste Reduction/Recycling Program***

This award is given to the outstanding college or university waste reduction and/or recycling program of the past FY.

### ***Volunteer of the Year –***

#### ***Melba McKenzie Award***

This award is given to a person, group or organization that through volunteer work successfully promoted waste reduction and recycling in their community during the past FY. *Local governments, state agencies and colleges/universities are not eligible, but are encouraged to submit nominations.*



### ***Recycling Center Attendant Recognition***

A recycling center attendant from each county will be recognized during the awards program. Each **county** is asked to select **one** outstanding attendant using its own criteria and submit his or her name to the Office.

## ***Essay Awards***

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*For the awards below, please submit a completed Data Sheet (see page 4) and an essay (500 words or less) that describes how the individual or school being nominated demonstrates the following qualities. The award recipient should demonstrate a strong commitment to waste reduction/recycling, serve as a leader among peers and contribute significantly to a local recycling program.*

### ***Recycling Student of the Year***

This award is given to a student who has actively participated in a waste reduction/recycling program and/or has been involved in promoting waste reduction/recycling at school or in the community.

### ***Recycling Teacher of the Year***

This award is given to a teacher who has implemented or expanded a school recycling program and/or has incorporated the waste reduction/recycling message into the classroom.

### ***Recycling School of the Year***

This award is given to a school that has implemented a successful waste reduction/recycling program.

### ***Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award***

This award is given to an individual – at the staff level – who makes recycling happen. Whether driving a collection truck, sorting recyclables, operating a baler or providing other support services, these individuals are invaluable to the success of recycling in South Carolina. *Individuals from local governments, state agencies and colleges/universities are eligible.*

## Award Criteria

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Address each of the five criteria below for the program, project or person being nominated. Responses should be numbered one through five and addressed in order. Limit responses to one page, front and back. Point values are shown in parentheses to indicate the relative weight of each criterion. Remember materials (photographs, video tapes, publications, etc.) to support the nomination are welcome, but not required.

1. Explain why you are nominating this program, project or person. **Only include FY 2006 activities.** *(This is required, but no points are assigned.)*
2. Provide a measure of the nominee's success (i.e., recycling rate; participation rate; amount of material recycled; amount of waste reduced, prevented or composted; materials collected and customers served) in FY 2006. **(40 POINTS)**
3. Describe the educational methods and awareness efforts used by the nominated program, project or person in FY 2006. **(30 POINTS)**
4. Describe any new aspects of the nominated program/project or describe how the nominated person has expanded the program in FY 2006. **(20 POINTS)**
5. Describe any partnerships that have been developed or existing partnerships that have been built upon by the nominated program, project or person in FY 2006. **(10 POINTS)**

## Data Sheet

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### Program, Project or Person Nominated

Award Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Program, Project or Person Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Person Submitting Nomination

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember, the deadline for entries is January 19, 2007. For more information, call 1-800-768-7348.**